s17 Geometric Series Exam (EXAM v370)

Question 1

Consider the partial geometric series represented below with first term a = 702, common ratio $r = \left(\frac{5}{26}\right)^{1/10}$, and n = 10 terms.

$$S = 702 + 595.3 + 504.82 + 428.09 + 363.02 + 307.85 + 261.06 + 221.38 + 187.73 + 159.2$$

We can multiply both sides by r.

$$rS = 595.3 + 504.82 + 428.09 + 363.02 + 307.85 + 261.06 + 221.38 + 187.73 + 159.2 + 135$$

What is the value of S - rS?

Question 2

Consider the geometric series shown below, using ellipsis notation to indicate a continuation of the pattern without writing every term.

$$S = 6 + 6(7) + 6(7)^{2} + 6(7)^{3} + \cdots + 6(7)^{48} + 6(7)^{49} + 6(7)^{50} + 6(7)^{51}$$

Identify the initial term, the common ratio, and the number of terms.

Question 3

Write a proof for the partial geometric series formula.

- a. Define the variables.
- b. Write the sum using variables and ellipsis notation. You can implicitly assume the number of terms is more than the number of terms you choose to write.
- c. Using annotated algebraic manipulation, produce the partial geometric series formula.